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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

| In re Application of: |) |
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| Hiroshi Sato | Confirmation No.: 2394 |
| Application No. 10/571,070 |) Group Art Unit: 3677 |
| Filed: March 8, 2006 |) Examiner: G. W. Estremsky |
| For: CONNECTED STAPLE |)) Mail Stop Amendment |
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Commissioner for Patents Customer Window, Mail Stop Amendment Randolph Building 401 Dulany Street Alexandria, VA 22314

AMENDMENT

In response to the Office Action dated May 28, 2009, the period for response to which extends though August 28, 2009, please amend the above-identified application as follows: